

# Disaster response exercise tests base, Tucson crews

Coordination between D-M, community responders shines in simulated airshow crash scenario ... key to success



(Left) Firefighters move one of the simulated victims to the triage and holding area. Once victims were triaged and staged, they were (if necessary) transported to one of the 10 area hospitals (El Dorado, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, Kino, Northwest, Tucson Heart, Tucson General, Tucson Medical Center, University Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center) that participated in the exercise. (Below) Senior Master Sgt. Gareth Johnson, 355th Security Forces Squadron, assesses one of the simulated victims while assisting medical responders during the exercise.

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(Above) Tech. Sgt. David Vega, 355th Security Forces Squadron, reads an injury card on one of the nearly 150 simulated victims. (Right) Tech. Sgt. Mark Harris directs a Tucson Police Department officer toward the accident site. More than 1,500 people participated in the exercise Sept. 28, which was a cooperative effort between the base, and Tucson-Pima County Office of Emergency Management agencies. Officials from Tucson Fire and Police departments, Pima County Sheriff's Office, Rural-Metro Corp., Southwest Ambulance, Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services, Pima County Medical Society, Sun Tran and the American Red Cross were key players in the exercise. "Lessons learned" will be implemented in a contingency plan for the Nov. 4 and 5 Aerospace and Arizona Days 2000 airshow, when 600,000 guests are expected on D-M's flightline.



Television and print media from Tucson were on hand at the exercise to report the event. (Above) A television cameraman from KOLD-TV 13 videotapes firefighters as they transport one of the simulated victims to a patient holding area.



A simulated F-16 crashed into the airshow crowd, and the aftermath of scattered debris left many simulated victims for responders to assess, treat and transport.

